

Chairman- members of the committee:

My name is Phil Olson, a citizen of Montana, born in Montana, and I dearly love my country. I rise in full and complete support of this bill, with the exception of amendments that I will offer in my testimony. The amendments are intended to strengthen the bill, not weaken it.

Recent actions taken by the President and approved by Congress and given the name "PATRIOT" is a total slap in the face to those of us that treasure "FREEDOM ", personal privacy and are true patriots. The terrorists have won if we are willing to give up our freedom, privacy and the right to travel, enter the very buildings our tax dollars paid for, and collect our social security that is our own money that we paid in. This is a threat and intimidation to the people. The people in the Federal Government are acting as though this nation is theirs, IT IS NOT, IT BELONGS TO ALL THE PEOPLE. And now they are trying to run rough shod over the States and the citizens therein. I would much rather face terrorists than SS tactics by my own government , fear and intimidation are horrible and if it doesn't get stopped it will get worse, all in the name security, and then we will have no security only suppression.

I applaud Representative Rice and all others that worked on this bill, may you keep up the vigilance in the protection of our states rights and the people that reside here.

The very fact that we need a bill like this speaks volumes.

The amendments I propose are for page 3, NEW SECTION, Section1, paragraph 2, line 3 after the word security, insert the words, (*or any other federal department or agency*), then continue to the end of line 4 and add (*or any other Montana State department or agency*).

New sentence, (*The Governor shall publicly expose any attempt to implement the REAL ID ACT in Montana and take any and all actions necessary to stop said attempts*).